

**ABSTRACT**

A rugged housing is provided for an electronic device, such as a cellular telephone. The electronic device has sides extending across a length and width of the device, a top extending across the width and a thickness of the device, and a bottom

5 extending across the width and thickness of the device. At least the sides of the device are shaped irregularly and unsymmetrically. The housing includes a first portion and a second portion. The first portion surrounds the sides and the top of the electronic device in a continuous and seamless manner. The second portion is connected to the first portion and extends across the bottom of the electronic device. The second portion may

10 be disconnected for inserting component parts of the device into or removing component parts of the device from the housing. These components parts include a power source, a keypad, and/or a display. The second portion may be integral to at least one component part inserted into the housing, such that the second portion is connected to the first portion by inserting the component part into the housing, and the second portion is

15 disconnected from the first portion by removing the component part from the housing.